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IN THE CLAIMS

Please AMEND claims 1-13, 15, 18-20 as follows:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A data protection system [for] protecting input data requiring authorization for use against unauthorized use during utilization of the data [utilization], comprising:

means for storing the input data;

means for preparing data embedding the input data;

means for generating information [relating to] specifying the input data embedded [which is to be utilized] in the prepared data;

means for appending the generated information to the prepared data;

means for utilizing the prepared data with the appended generated information by displaying the prepared data and the embedded input data [in the appended condition of the generated information];

judging means for judging whether the embedded input data [is data requiring] requires authorization for use; and

means for preventing [the] storage of the embedded input data in a storage means[, wherein said] to prevent unauthorized use of the embedded input data if the embedded input data is judged to [be data requiring] require authorization for use.

2. (TWICE AMENDED) The data protection system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

means for executing a cut and paste function with respect to the embedded input data;  
and

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means for preventing the cut and paste function with respect to the embedded input data to prevent unauthorized use of the embedded input data when the embedded input data [is data requiring] requires authorization for use.

3. (TWICE AMENDED) The data protection system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said judging means includes means for judging whether the embedded input data is encrypted [data] that can be decoded by a predetermined decoding key; and means for determining whether the embedded input data [is data requiring] requires authorization for use when the embedded input data is encrypted [data].

4. (TWICE AMENDED) A data protection system for protecting input data requiring authorization for use against unauthorized use when the input data is processed, comprising:

means for storing the input data;

means for applying processing to the input data;

judging means for judging whether the input data [is data requiring] requires authorization for use;

means for preventing [the] storage of the input data in a storage means during processing of the data when said input data has been judged to [be data requiring] require authorization for use; and

storage means for storing process information indicating what kind of processing has been applied by said processing means.

5. (TWICE AMENDED) The data protection system as claimed in claim 4, wherein said judging means includes means for judging whether the input data is encrypted [data] that can be decoded by a predetermined decoding key; and means for determining whether the input data [is data requiring] requires authorization for use when the input data is encrypted [data].

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6. (TWICE AMENDED) The data protection system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the process information is differential data indicating a difference between the [original] input data [to be processed] and the input data after having been processed.

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7. (TWICE AMENDED) The data protection system as claimed in claim 4, further comprising:

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means for displaying the [original] input data [to be processed] and the process information [where the process information has been] as added to the [original] input data.

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8. (TWICE AMENDED) The data protection system as claimed in claim 4, wherein said storage means for storing process information includes means for adding information [for] specifying the [original] input data [to be processed] to the process information; and means for storing the added information [thus added together].

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9. (TWICE AMENDED) A data protection system for protecting input data requiring authorization for use against unauthorized use when the input data is distributed to data processing means from a center for permitting the use of the input data, and the distributed input data is processed in said data processing means, comprising:

means for storing the input data;  
judging means for judging that the input data [is data requiring] requires authorization for use;

means for preventing [the] storage of the input data in a storage means during processing of the input data by the data processing means when said input data has been judged to [be data requiring] require authorization for use; and

storage means for storing process information indicating what kind of processing has been applied by said data processing means.

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10. (TWICE AMENDED) The data protection system as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:

means for distributing the process information from said center as input data requiring authorization for use.

11. (TWICE AMENDED) The data protection system as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:

means for distributing [the] data prepared by adding the process information to the [original] input data to be processed from said center as input data requiring authorization for use.

12. (TWICE AMENDED) A data preparation device wherein input data requiring authorization for use is input from a center which permits use of the input data in exchange for a charge[, wherein new data is prepared by utilizing the data thus input], comprising:

means for preparing the input data;

means for generating information [relating to] specifying the input data which is to be utilized in the prepared data;

means for appending the generated information to the prepared data;

means for utilizing the prepared data with the appended generated information by displaying the prepared data and the utilized input data [in the appended condition of the generated information].

13. (TWICE AMENDED) The data preparation device as claimed in claim 12, further comprising:

judging means for judging whether there is a license for utilizing the utilized input data requiring authorization for use; and

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means for permitting the utilized input data to be displayed on said display means when it is judged that there is the license.

15. (TWICE AMENDED) A data processing device wherein input data requiring authorization for use is input from a center which permits the use of the input data in exchange for a charge, and processing is applied to the input data [thus input], comprising:  
means for processing the input data; and  
storage means for storing process information indicating what kind of processing has been applied by said processing means.

18. (ONCE AMENDED) A data protection system for protecting data requiring authorization for use against unauthorized use when the data is processed, comprising:  
input unit inputting data requiring authorization for use;  
processing unit applying processing to the input data to produce generated data; and  
forbidding unit preventing the storage of the generated data during the processing of the input data.

19. (ONCE AMENDED) A method for protecting data requiring authorization for use against unauthorized use when the data is processed, comprising:  
inputting data requiring authorization for use;  
applying processing to the input data to produce generated data; and  
preventing the storage of the generated data during the processing of the input data.

20. (ONCE AMENDED) A data [protection system for protecting data requiring authorization for use against unauthorized use when the data is processed] processing device, comprising:

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storage unit storing input data requiring authorization for use;  
processing unit applying processing to the input data to produce generated data; and  
saving unit storing process information indicating what kind of processing has been  
applied by said processing means.

Please **ADD** new claim 22 as follows:

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22. (NEW) A data protection system protecting data requiring authorization for use against unauthorized use during utilization of the data, comprising:  
a storage unit storing the data requiring authorization for use;  
a preparation unit in communication with the storage unit and preparing data embedding the data requiring authorization for use;  
a generating unit in communication with the preparation unit and generating information specifying the embedded data requiring authorization for use;  
an appending unit in communication with the generating unit and appending the generated information to the prepared data;  
a display unit in communication with the preparation unit and utilizing the prepared data with the appended generated information by displaying the prepared data and the embedded data;  
a judging unit in communication with the display unit and judging whether the embedded data requires authorization for use; and  
a control unit in communication with the judging unit and preventing storage of the embedded data in a storage unit to protect the prevent unauthorized use of the embedded data if the embedded data is judged to require authorization for use.